

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given this 24th day of April, 2018, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009)*, that all persons in Houston County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they own, occupy, or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the method(s) applied may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands.

Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2013)*, will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with an individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected.

By state law the local weed inspectors include the township supervisors, city mayors, or their appointed assistants. The appeal committee shall consist of a county commissioner and a township official of the corresponding township or, in city limits, a municipal official of the corresponding municipality. The committee shall meet at 10:00am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, as needed, at the Houston County Zoning Office.

Statewide Noxious Weeds

Prohibited Noxious Weeds: Attempts must be made by all landowners to control or eradicate species on these lists. These species cannot be transported without a permit. There are two categories: eradicate and control.

Eradicate List: must be eradicated by killing the above and below ground parts of the plant

<i>Palmer Amaranth</i>	<i>Oriental Bittersweet</i>	<i>Poison Hemlock</i>
<i>Brown Knapweed</i>	<i>Yellow Starthistle</i>	<i>Meadow Knapweed</i>
<i>Diffuse Knapweed</i>	<i>Black Swallow-wort</i>	<i>Grecian Foxglove</i>
<i>Common Teasel</i>	<i>Cutleaf Teasel</i>	<i>Giant Hogweed</i>
<i>Japanese Hops</i>	<i>Dalmatian Toadflax</i>	

Control List: must be controlled by preventing the maturation and spread of propagating parts

<i>Common Barberry</i>	<i>Wild Parsnip</i>	<i>Plumeless Thistle</i>
<i>Spotted Knapweed</i>	<i>Canada Thistle</i>	<i>Leafy Spurge</i>
<i>Purple Loosestrife</i>	<i>Narrowleaf Bittercress</i>	<i>Common Tansy</i>

Restricted Noxious Weeds: may not be sold, transported without a permit, or intentionally planted in Minnesota

<i>Common or European Buckthorn</i>	<i>Garlic Mustard</i>	<i>Glossy Buckthorn</i>
<i>Crown Vetch</i>	<i>Wild Carrot</i>	<i>Multiflora Rose</i>
<i>Amur Honeysuckle</i>	<i>Morrow's Honeysuckle</i>	<i>Bell's Honeysuckle</i>
<i>Common Reed</i>	<i>Black Locust</i>	<i>Porcelain Berry</i>
<i>Tree of Heaven</i>	<i>Tatarian Honeysuckle</i>	<i>Japanese Barberry Cultivars</i>

Specially Regulated Plants: have been determined to pose ecological, economical, or human or animal health concerns. Measures must be taken to minimize the potential for harm caused by these plants:

<i>Poison Ivy</i>	<i>Japanese Knotweed</i>
<i>Giant Knotweed</i>	<i>Amur Maple</i>

These listings are subject to change. For a current listing of the Minnesota Noxious Weeds go to:

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol>

The Board of County Commissioners asks for your cooperation in weed control:

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